



THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH was created by the General Assembly and can trace its statutory history to 1955. The Commission is an independent state agency that advocates for improvement in the quality of life for children and families; collects and disseminates information on children and families for the planning and coordination of policies, programs and services; and administers the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act in Tennessee. The policy-making body for the Commission is a 21-person board whose members are appointed by the governor. At least one member is appointed from each of Tennessee's nine development districts. The Commission staffs and coordinates nine regional councils that address the local needs of children and families, provides organizational structure for statewide networking on behalf of children and families, and provides local input to the Commission.

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MISSION

We lead systems improvement for all children and families through data-driven advocacy, education, and collaboration.

COORDINATE

REGIONAL COUNCILS

The nine regional councils on children and youth provide training and networking opportunities, create collaborative environments for child-serving organizations, collect and distribute child-focused information and data across the state, and facilitate communication and understanding at the local, regional and state levels.

ADMINISTRATE

JUVENILE JUSTICE

TCCY works to ensure equal and fair treatment for all youth within the juvenile justice system by advocating for and funding evidence-based practices to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency.

EDUCATE

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

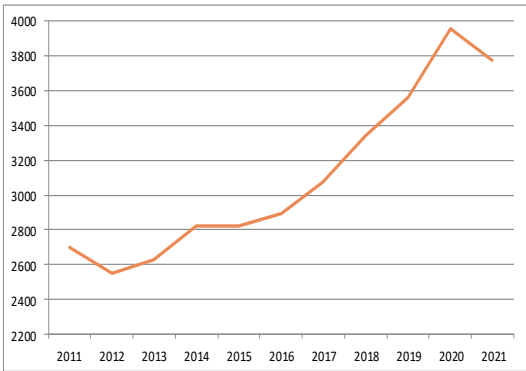
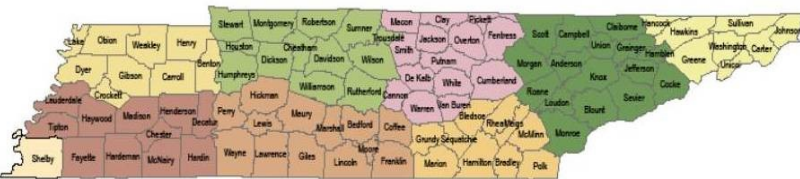
As the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT partner in Tennessee, TCCY compiles and provides data to the KIDS COUNT datacenter and produces publications utilizing this and other data to report on the well-being of Tennessee children and families. TCCY administers kidcentraltn.com, a free, one-stop resource for Tennessee families to access state services and find information to help raise healthy and happy kids.

ADVOCATE AND COLLABORATE

ADVOCACY AND COLLABORATION

TCCY provides budget recommendations and legislative guidance, and Ombudsman program, supports the Council on Children's Mental Health, Second Look Commission, Youth Transitions Advisory Council, Home Visiting Leadership Alliance and Young Child Wellness Council, and provides training and advocacy to prevent and mitigate adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)

STATEWIDE COUNCIL MEMBERS



3,775
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GRANTS

Federal Formula
11 Grants

Reimbursement Account
Serving 25 Counties

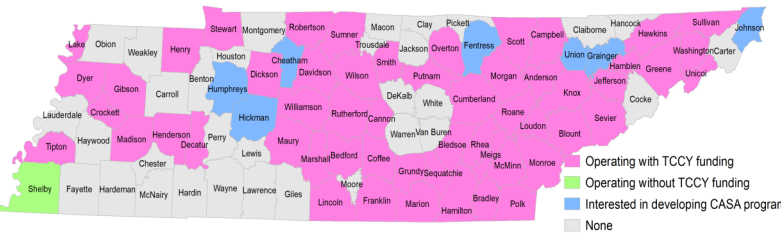
CASA

\$22,000 for 59 Counties
\$111,000 for Tennessee CASA Association

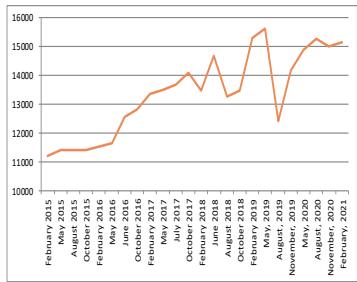
RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITY TASK FORCES

- Statewide Task Force
- Davidson County Task Force
- Madison County Task Force
- Shelby County Task Force

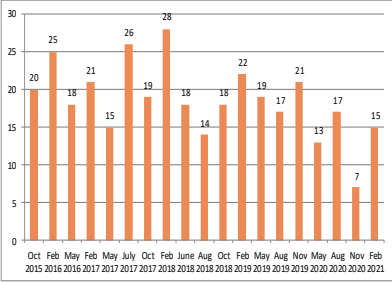
MAP OF STATEWIDE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA) PROGRAMS



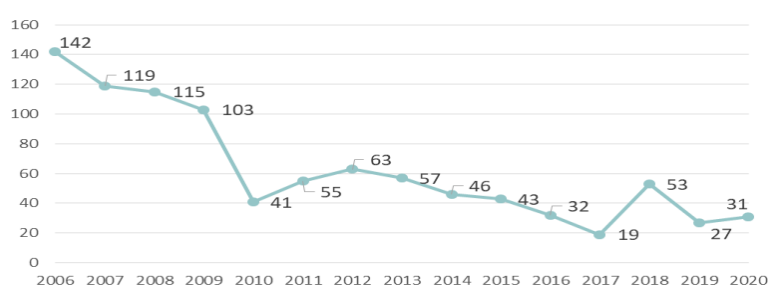
INDIVIDUALS ON COUNCILS' EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST



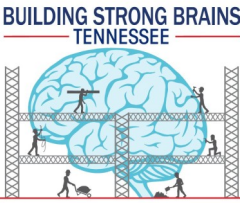
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE



DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION OF STATUS OFFENDERS VIOLATIONS



STATEWIDE ONLINE TRAININGS



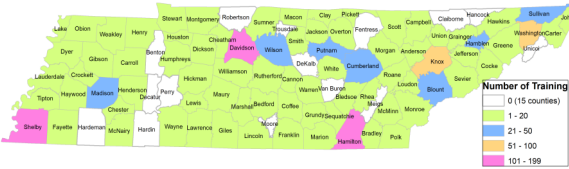
9 Trainings

2,225 Live Attendance

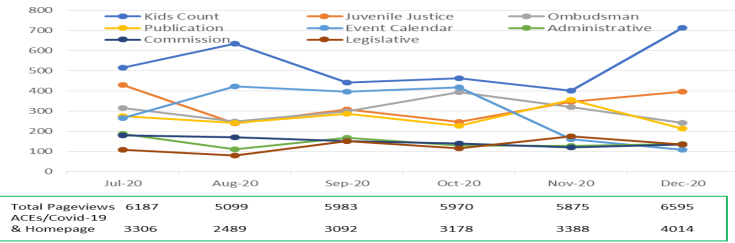
1600 You Tube Views



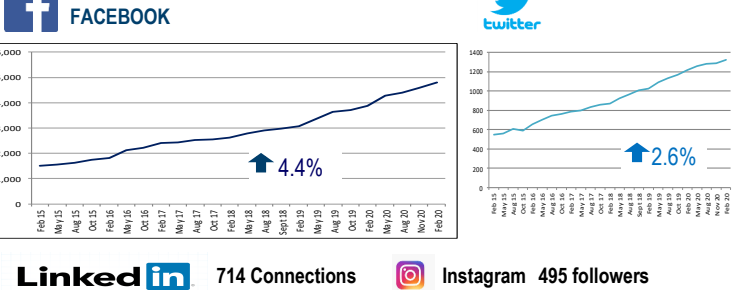
NUMBER OF TRAININGS BY COUNTY



WEB STATISTICS NUMBER OF PAGE VIEWS



SOCIAL MEDIA



PUBLICATIONS AND PODCASTS

Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21
	Advocate: Health, Education and Juvenile Justice during COVID-19	Advocate: Mental Health, Health, Economics and Education	Advocate: Health, Voting and Child Welfare	Advocate: Health, Holidays and Economics	Advocate: COVID-19, New Year and Juvenile Justice
FY 2021-22 Budget Recommendations	Podcast: A Parent's Story with Amy Blackwell	Youth Transitions Advisory Council: 2020 Annual Report		The State of the Child in Tennessee: COVID-19 Edition	County Profiles
	Podcast: A Parent's Story with Katie Cundy	Podcast: Understanding Seasonal Affective Disorder and Pandemic Fatigue with Centerstone	Podcast: Tennessee Expands School-Based Behavioral Health Liaison Program	Second Look Commission: 2020 Annual Report	Podcast: What Families Need to Know About the COVID-19 Vaccine
	Podcast: A Parent's Story with Sipel Ibrahim				Podcast: A Global Pandemic's Impact on Special Needs Students

SECOND LOOK COMMISSION

Preliminary Findings:
There was a concern about a leasing agent refusing to provide address information about a family being investigated by DCS; There was concern about failing to take a to be seen by a medical professional despite the injuries to the child;
• Child abuse prevention stakeholders should make appropriate efforts to determine how injuries to a child occurred even when the child does not make a disclosure, but there is physical evidence and other indications of abuse;
• The possibility and usefulness of developing a list of injuries that would mandate taking a child to be examined by a medical professional;
• There are still opportunities to more aggressively pursue services for caregivers and children;
• Follow-up with collateral witnesses is an opportunity for improvement; and
• Additional resources need to be made available for pre-teen youth dealing with substance abuse issues of their own.

COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

New position title:
Children's Mental Health Advocacy Director

CCMH 2021 Dates:
February 11, 2021
April 22, 2021
June 17, 2021
August 26, 2021
October 21, 2021

YOUTH TRANSITIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Youth Transitions Advisory Council has not met since the November Commission meeting. The next meeting of YTAC is scheduled for April 29, 2021 at 12:30.

YOUNG CHILD WELLNESS COUNCIL

The last general meeting of the Tennessee Young Child Wellness Council (TNYCWC) was held via WebEx on 12/03 and featured the council's technical assistance providers from national nonprofit ZERO TO THREE (ZTT). After reviewing ZTT's annual State of Babies Yearbook, including data specific to Tennessee.

HOME VISITING LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

The Home Visiting Leadership Alliance (HVLA) met twice since the last Commission meeting. Both the November 17th and January 26th meetings were held virtually. The Department of Health (TDH) shared more details regarding the roll-out of the expansion of evidence-based home visiting to all 95 counties.

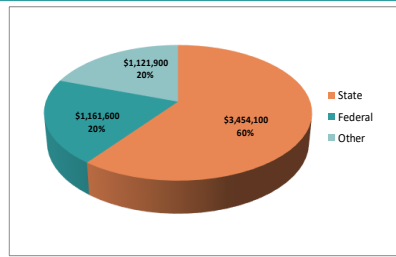
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BUDGET

FY 20-21 Budget \$5,737,600

State	\$3,454,100	(60%)
Federal	\$1,161,600	(20%)
Other	\$1,121,900	(20%)



TOTAL FUNDS PASS-THROUGH: \$1,880,501 (33%)

OPERATING FUNDS: \$3,857,099 (67%)

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COORDINATE

Regional Councils

TCCY's nine regional councils provide statewide networking on behalf of children and families. The councils address the needs of children and families at the regional level and offer local-level feedback to the Commission. Councils include children's services professionals and other citizens interested in improving the lives of Tennessee children.

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ADMINISTRATE

Juvenile Justice

TCCY juvenile justice activities include distributing state and federal funds to counties, state-level agencies and community programs to prevent delinquency or improve services for children involved with juvenile courts. TCCY is the State Advisory Group responsible for implementing the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act in Tennessee. Funds administered include the federal JJDP funds and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) grants. CASA program volunteers provide a voice for children in the juvenile court system. Reimbursement accounts help counties without youth detention centers defray the costs of providing alternatives to placing children in adult jails. Programs funded include youth and drug courts, mentoring, after-school programs, training for juvenile court staff and probation programs.

The JJDP Act supports and encourages equitable treatment for all children. TCCY assures the state maintains compliance with the JJDP Act's four core requirements:

- ◆ Deinstitutionalize status offenders (DSO);•
- ◆ Remove children from adult jails;•
- ◆ Separate children from adult offenders;•
- ◆ Address disproportionate contact of minority children with the juvenile justice system.

TCCY monitors all secure juvenile facilities in Tennessee to assure compliance with federal placement requirements.

Disproportionate Minority Contact

TCCY provides administrative support and technical assistance to the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) task forces in Tennessee. Tennessee has a statewide DMC Task Force as well as several local DMC task forces. The task forces consist of concerned citizens and agency representatives from across the state who meet periodically to address issues regarding the disproportionate number of minority children who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

EDUCATE

KIDS COUNT

TCCY gathers, analyzes and reports information on children and families in various publications, including the annual *KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child in Tennessee*, tracking the status of children's educational, socioeconomic and physical well-being. Tennessee's KIDS COUNT Project is part of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's network of state-level KIDS COUNT projects. TCCY participates with the Casey Foundation in the release of reports on child well-being nationally, including the annual *National KIDS COUNT Data Book*.

Resource Mapping

TCCY oversees resource mapping of all funding through the state budget to help children in Tennessee be safe, healthy, educated, nurtured and supported and engaged in activities to succeed in school and become productive adults. A report on prior fiscal year spending is submitted to the General Assembly annually. Twenty-five state agencies serving children reported on expenditures during fiscal year 2013-14.

kidcentral tn

kidcentral tn is a free, one-stop resource for Tennessee families to raise healthy and happy kids. Created by the Governor's Children's Cabinet, kidcentral tn features articles on health, education, development and more. It also includes a searchable directory for state-sponsored services for children and families. The site is maintained by the Tennessee Commission and Children and Youth.

Building Strong Brains Tennessee

Creating strong brain architecture and healthy child development in the earliest years of life is a critical strategy for preventing disease, disability and social problems across the lifespan. TCCY has intensified its advocacy of and collaboration for early childhood well-being and preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). This work includes training, collaboration and advocacy at local, regional and state levels.

Tennessee Compilation of Laws on Children, Youth and Families

TCCY publishes the *Tennessee Compilation of Selected Laws on Children, Youth and Families*. The Compilations are distributed to juvenile court judges and staff, state agencies, attorneys and others serving children.

Other Publications

TCCY also distributes information through:

The Advocate newsletter;
Website (www.tn.gov/tccy);
Facebook (www.facebook.com/tccyonfb);
Twitter (www.twitter.com/@tccy).

Reports produced by TCCY's collaborative and advocacy programs are available on the agency website.

ADVOCATE AND COLLABORATE

Ombudsman Program

The Ombudsman responds to questions, concerns or complaints regarding children involved with the state's child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Referrals are accepted from anyone. A mediation approach is used to resolve disputes in the best interests of the child and the safety of the community.

Council on Children's Mental Health

TCCY has administrative responsibility for the Council on Children's Mental Health (CCMH) charged with designing a plan for a statewide system of mental health care for children. The Council, composed of a broad range of stakeholders from all across the state, is co-chaired by the commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS) and the executive director of TCCY. TCCY also partners with TDMHSAS through System of Care Across Tennessee (SOCAT), a 4-year, \$12 million federal grant. SOCAT utilizes System of Care values and principles while empowering Tennessee families to work together with child-serving agencies as a partner to guide their care.

Second Look Commission

Administered by TCCY, the Second Look Commission (SLC) was established to review a sampling of cases involving a second or subsequent incident of severe child abuse and provide recommendations and findings to the General Assembly regarding whether or not severe child abuse responses provide adequate protection for the children of this state. The SLC is co-chaired by Senate and House members, and includes representatives from the Department of Children's Services (DCS), law enforcement, courts, child abuse service providers and the advocacy community.

Youth Transitions Advisory Council

The Youth Transitions Advisory Council (YTAC) brings together young people and other stakeholders from across Tennessee who work with youth aging out of DCS custody and transitioning from child-serving to adult services systems. YTAC makes recommendations to DCS, courts, schools, higher education and service providers to improve outcomes for successful transition from adolescence to adulthood for young people who often do not have supportive families.

Home Visiting Leadership Alliance

The Home Visiting Leadership Alliance (HVLA) includes leadership from home visiting programs, state departments and other stakeholders from across the state. The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) has administrative responsibility for the HVLA through a grant agreement with the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH). HVLA is co-chaired by TDH and TCCY and meets quarterly.

TN Young Child Wellness Council

The Tennessee Young Child Wellness Council (TNYCWC), which seeks to improve the well-being of children in Tennessee by improving collaboration among child-serving agencies and programs. TNYCWC serves as the advisory committee for Tennessee's Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program. MIECHV is a grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that is received by the Tennessee Department of Health to administer Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs and support the state's early childhood system of care.